

OFFICE OF THE DE/N

DATE: 20 Aug 73

TO: Mr. Walsh
Info [REDACTED] STATINTL
FROM: Don [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Colby memo on Law of the Sea

REMARKS: The attached memo records a conversation between Colby and Roy Ash, OMB, on CIA participation in Law of the Sea Negotiations. Colby's thoughts are that CIA is "not devoting an inordinate amount of time" to it. Colby wants us to draft a note for Ash telling him the extent of our involvement.

STATINTL We are spending more time on Law of the Sea than Mr. Colby realizes. I am preparing a package for you outlining just what we are doing, and what our involvement is. [REDACTED] OBGI, is our representative. Unfortunately, he just started two weeks annual leave, so it will take me a little longer to pull the stuff together than it would if [REDACTED] were in the office.

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ACTION

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director for Intelligence

INFO : Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director for Science and Technology
Associate Deputy Director for Operations
Acting Director of National Estimates

SUBJECT : Law of the Sea Negotiations

1. Mr. Roy Ash, Director of OMB, asked me yesterday whether we are participating in the preparation for the law of the sea negotiations. I said we are not devoting an inordinate amount of time to this but that I believe we are in contact with the appropriate State officers. I said we might have some contribution to make in terms of an estimate of the negotiating positions of the other participants, as well as the possible impact of different outcomes. He said he rather hopes we are participating because his office and others in the White House would feel much more confident.

2. Could you draft a short note ^{from me} to Mr. Ash on this subject, telling him the extent of our involvement and including, if you wish, any offers of additional involvement or limitations on our resources.

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W. E. Colby